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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the communication received from Examiner Tsoy dated March 7, 2005 regarding the status of dependent claim 57.

Per Applicants' telephone conference with Examiner Tsoy held today (March 28, 2005), Applicants' arguments with respect to independent claim 56 as applied to the obviousness rejection over Wessels et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,669,120) in view of Allen et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,547,531) will be considered with respect to dependent claim 57 (which Examiner Tsoy indicated was inadvertently omitted from the list of claims addressed in that rejection). Applicants hereby respectfully traverse any such rejection of claim 57.

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